

## Agency for International Development

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### *G. Problems Conducting Programs In Developing Countries*

Describe the problems that can be anticipated in implementing the program in the recipient country as a result of its being a developing country.

### *H. Waivers*

A cooperating sponsor should provide a justification for the waiver of any specific section or sections of Regulation 11 that it believes necessary for the program.

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## Subpart A—General

### § 212.1 Statement of policy.

(a) It is the policy of the United States Agency for International Development (hereinafter “USAID” or “the Agency”) that information about its objectives and operations be freely available to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended; the President’s Memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies regarding the FOIA, 29 Weekly Comp. Pres. Doc. 1999 (October 4, 1993); and the Attorney General’s Memorandum of the same title and date. The Director, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management, or his/her designee, is responsible on behalf of the Agency for administration of the provisions of the regulations set forth in this part.

(b) In addition, concerning the International Cooperation and Development Agency (“IDCA”), pursuant to executive order and delegations of authority USAID is responsible not only for management of its own affairs but also for those of IDCA. The policy of IDCA in the FOIA area has been determined by USAID to be identical to that of USAID, as stated in this section. Therefore, all policies and procedures set forth in this part apply equally to IDCA as to USAID; and it is intended that references in this part to “USAID” or “the Agency” shall, wherever appropriate, include or mean a reference to IDCA. Accordingly, all IDCA FOIA-related matters shall be referred to and processed by USAID staff under this part as though they were USAID matters.

(c) All records of USAID shall be made available to the public upon compliance with the procedures established in § 212.33, except to the extent a determination is made to withhold a record exemptible under 5 U.S.C. 552(b). Such a determination shall be made pursuant to procedures set forth in § 212.36, 212.37 and 212.38.

(d) The term “record” as used in this part includes all books, papers, maps, photographs, or other documentary

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material or copies thereof, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made in or received by USAID (including its missions or offices abroad), and preserved as evidence of its organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities. The term does not include copies of the records of other U.S. Government agencies, foreign governments, international organizations, or non-governmental entities which do not evidence organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or activities of USAID.

### **Subpart B—Publication in the Federal Register**

#### **§ 212.11 Materials to be published.**

(a) USAID separately states and currently publishes in the FEDERAL REGISTER for the information and guidance of the public:

(1) Descriptions of its central and field organization and the established places at which, the officers from whom, and the methods whereby, the public may secure information, make submittals or requests, or obtain decisions;

(2) Statements of the general course and method by which its functions are channelled and determined, including the nature and requirements for all formal and informal procedures available;

(3) Rules of procedure, descriptions of forms available or the places at which forms may be obtained, and instructions as to the scope and contents of all papers, reports, or examinations;

(4) Substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by USAID; and

(5) Every amendment, revision or repeal of the material listed in this section.

(b) USAID Public Notice No. 1 and the USAID Regulations published in chapter II of Title 22 and in subtitle A, Chapter 7 of Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations implement the provisions of this section.

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#### **§ 212.12 Effect of nonpublication.**

The materials referenced in § 212.11 shall not be binding upon or otherwise adversely affect a person unless either

(a) The materials were in fact published in the FEDERAL REGISTER or

(b) The person otherwise had actual and timely notice of the content of such materials.

#### **§ 212.13 Incorporation by reference.**

For purposes of this subpart B, USAID matters which are reasonably available to the class of persons affected thereby are deemed to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER when they have been incorporated by reference therein with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register.

### **Subpart C—Availability of Information for Public Inspection and Copying**

#### **§ 212.21 Public records.**

In accordance with this subpart, USAID makes the following information and materials available for public inspection and copying:

(a) All final opinions (including concurring and dissenting opinions), and all orders made in the adjudication of the cases;

(b) those statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the Agency and are not published in the FEDERAL REGISTER; and

(c) Administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect any member of the public.

#### **§ 212.22 Protection of personal privacy.**

To the extent required to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, USAID may delete identifying details when USAID makes available or publishes an opinion, statement of policy, interpretation, or staff manual or instruction. USAID will, in each such case, explain in writing the justification for the deletion.

#### **§ 212.23 Current index.**

USAID maintains and makes available for public inspection and copying a current index providing identifying information for the public as to any